Predicted Line of Sight Applications at CSC

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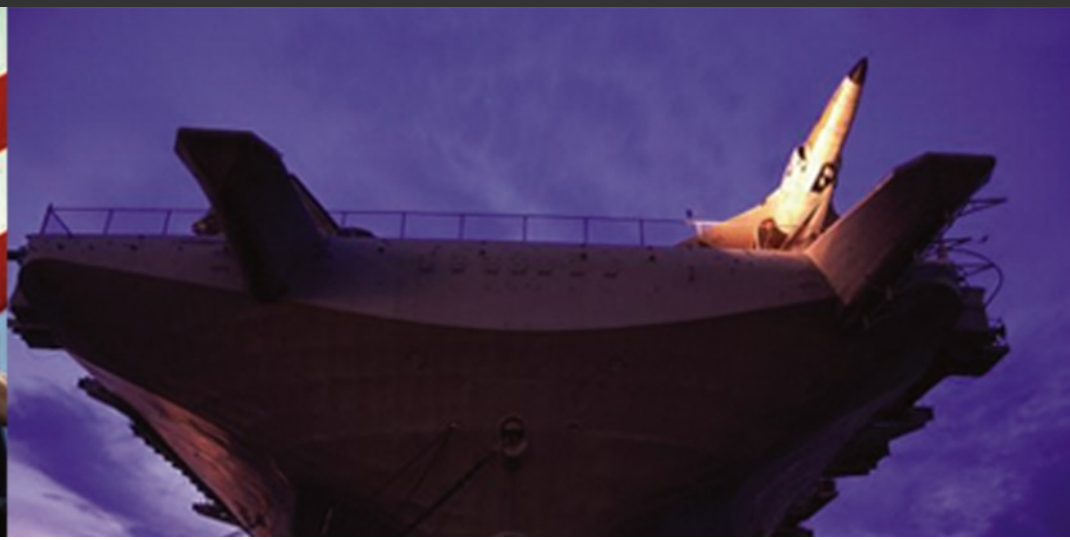

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PLOS Applications

- Force on Force Simulations
- 2002 Winter Olympics Support
- Distributed Line Of Sight Tool (DLOST)
- Intelligent Range Monitoring System (IRAMS)
- Proto-Command

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Force on Force Simulations

- Janus
- CASTFOREM
- ProtoForces

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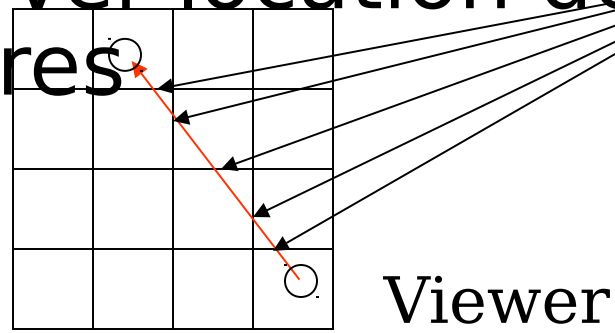
ProtoForces LOS Algorithm

- Gridded terrain database
- Check LOS at each edge by interpolating between two grid points
- The observer has visibility from observer location despite associated features



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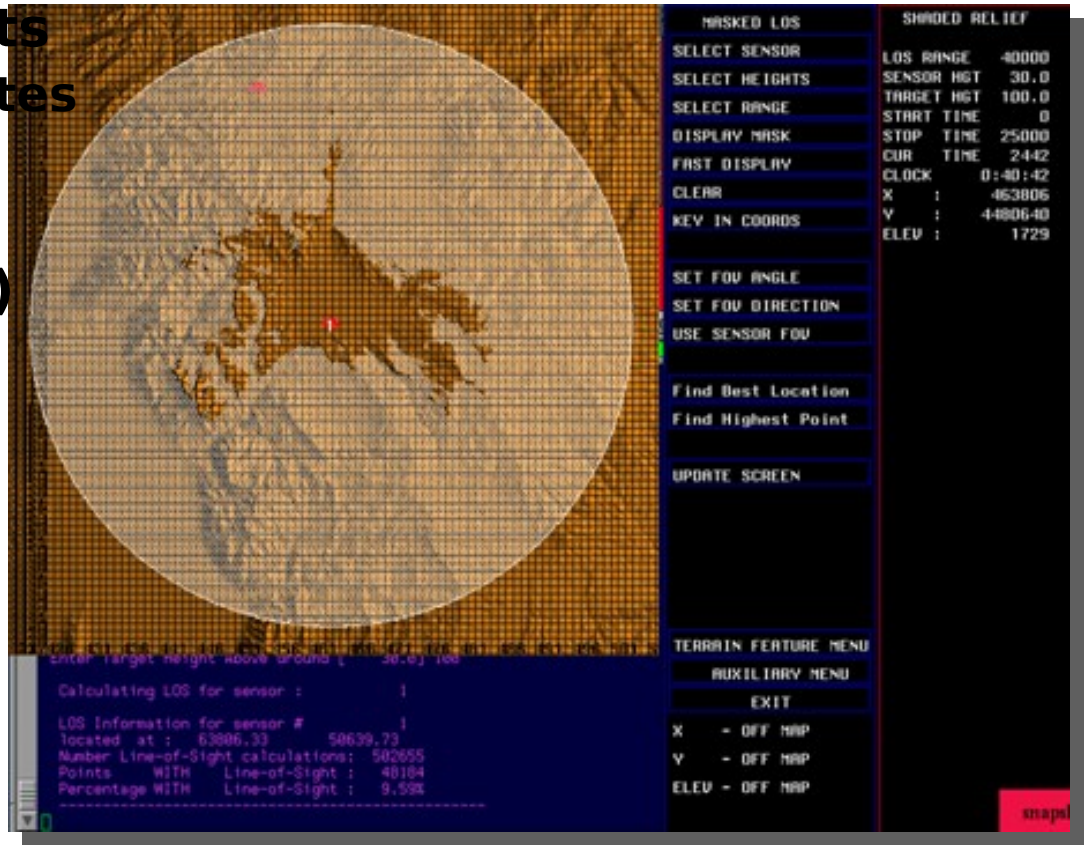
Dynamic Terrain Analysis Tool

Inter Visibility Using Digital Terrain Data

- **User Friendly Inputs**
  - Sensor Coordinates
  - Sensor Height
  - Target Altitude
- **Line Of Sight (LOS) Calculations**
  - Target Unmask Distance
  - Coverage Map
- **Terrain Data Types**
  - DTED
  - DFAD
  - ADRG



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2002 Winter Olympics Support

- Predicted LOS for RADAR deployment sites
- Deploying Sentinel RADAR for protection from terrorist airborne threats

Sentinel stands guard at Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City

Two radars assigned full time during games

By BOB HUNT
For the Rocket

Redstone Arsenal played a key role in safeguarding the recently completed Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

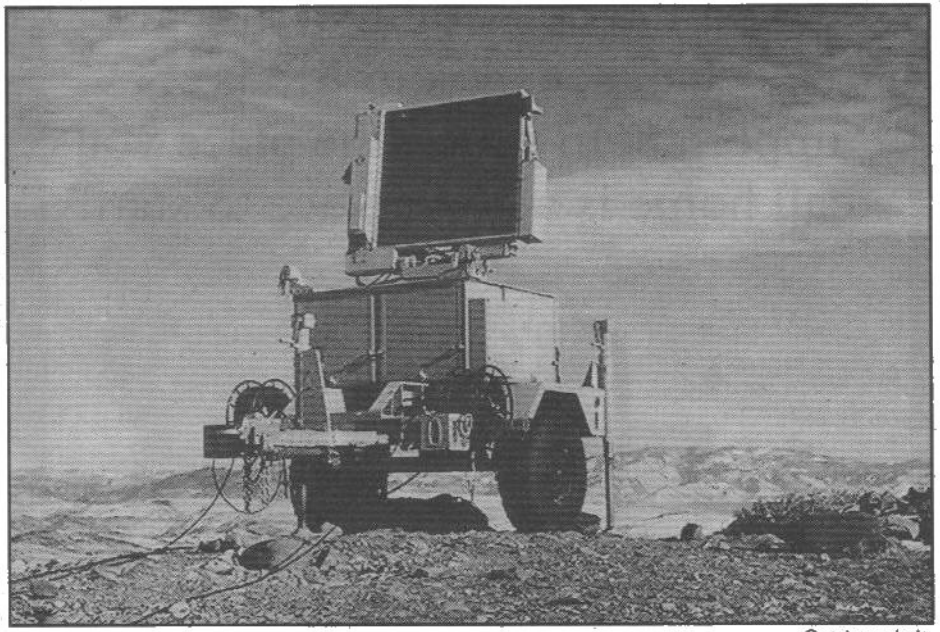
Two Army Sentinel radars, managed by the Short Range Air Defense Project Office, were assigned to full-time duty during the games. The Sentinel is a three-dimensional radar used to automatically detect, track, classify, identify and report airborne threats.

"We have worked with the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) for several years now," said Sentinel product manager Lt. Col. David Cook, "to provide threat protection using a variety of FAA and DOD radars.

"FAA radars can view up and out great distances," Cook said, "but only Sentinel can complete the radar image by detecting low-flying threats, especially in mountain valleys like those around Salt Lake City." This is the second time Sentinel has served at an Olympics. Sentinel was also employed at the 1996 Atlanta games where it detected 48 aircraft penetrating restricted airspace. At the Salt Lake games, Sentinel radars detected more than 20 instances of low-flying aircraft, usually private airplanes, entering restricted airspace.

"Black Hawk helicopters were then dispatched to intercept and escort intruders away," Cook said.

The Sentinel radars used at the Salt Lake games belong to and were operated by personnel with the 1/44 Air Defense Artillery Unit, Fort Hood, Texas. The SHORAD Project Office provided a spare parts package and arranged for contractor field support.



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ON DUTY— A Sentinel radar guards the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics.

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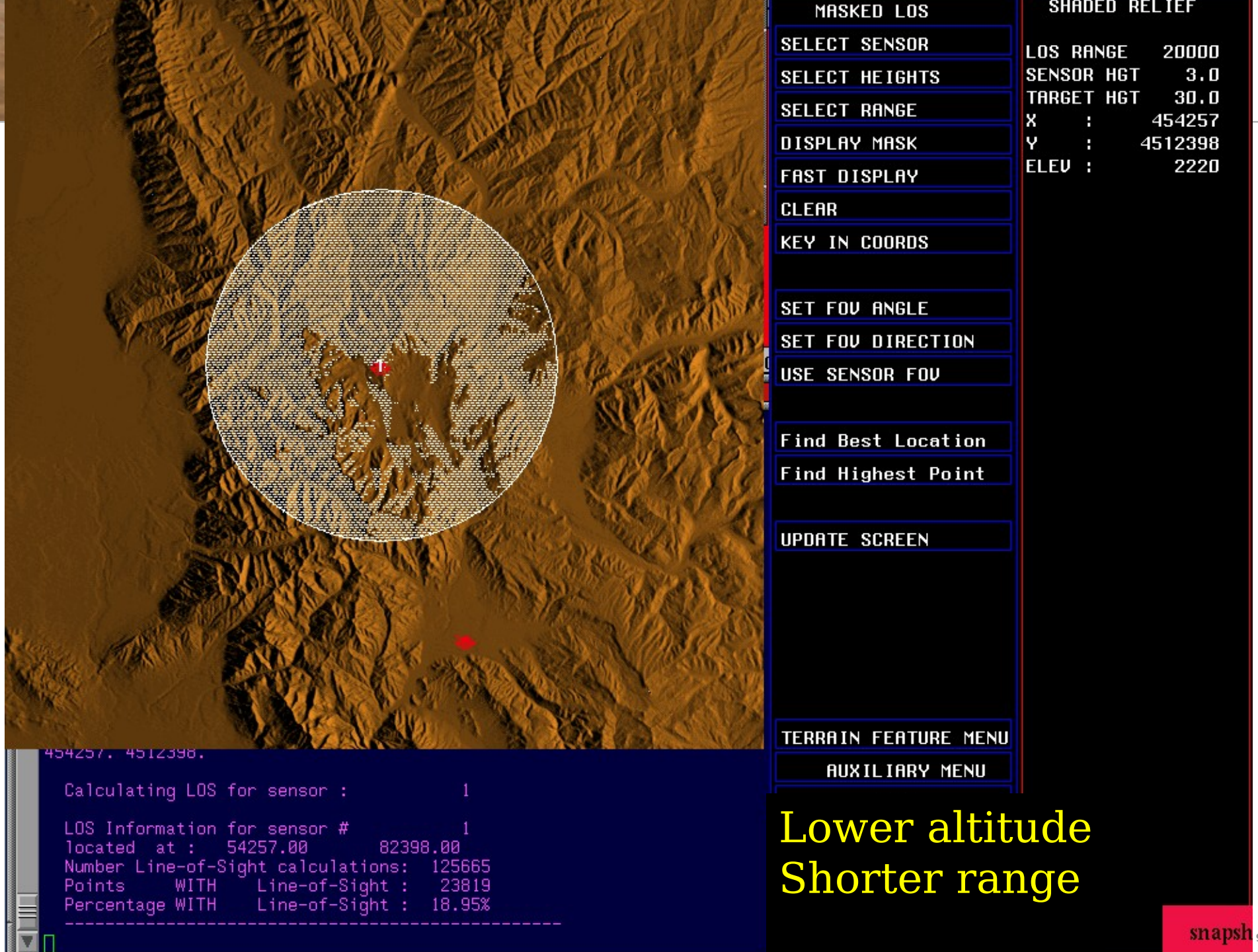
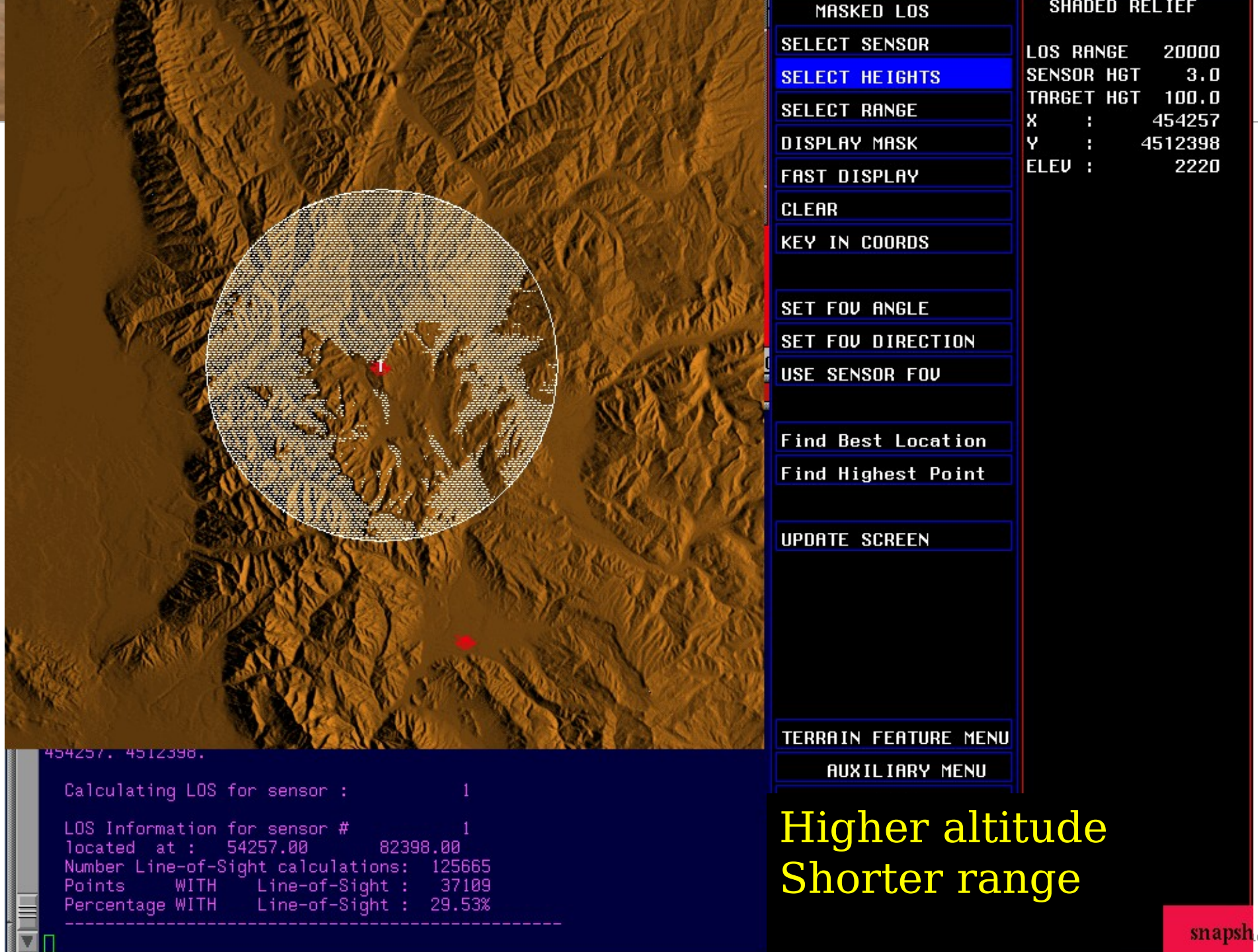
Predicted LOS

- Two sensor locations
- Two target altitudes
- Two sensor ranges



Lower altitude
Shorter range



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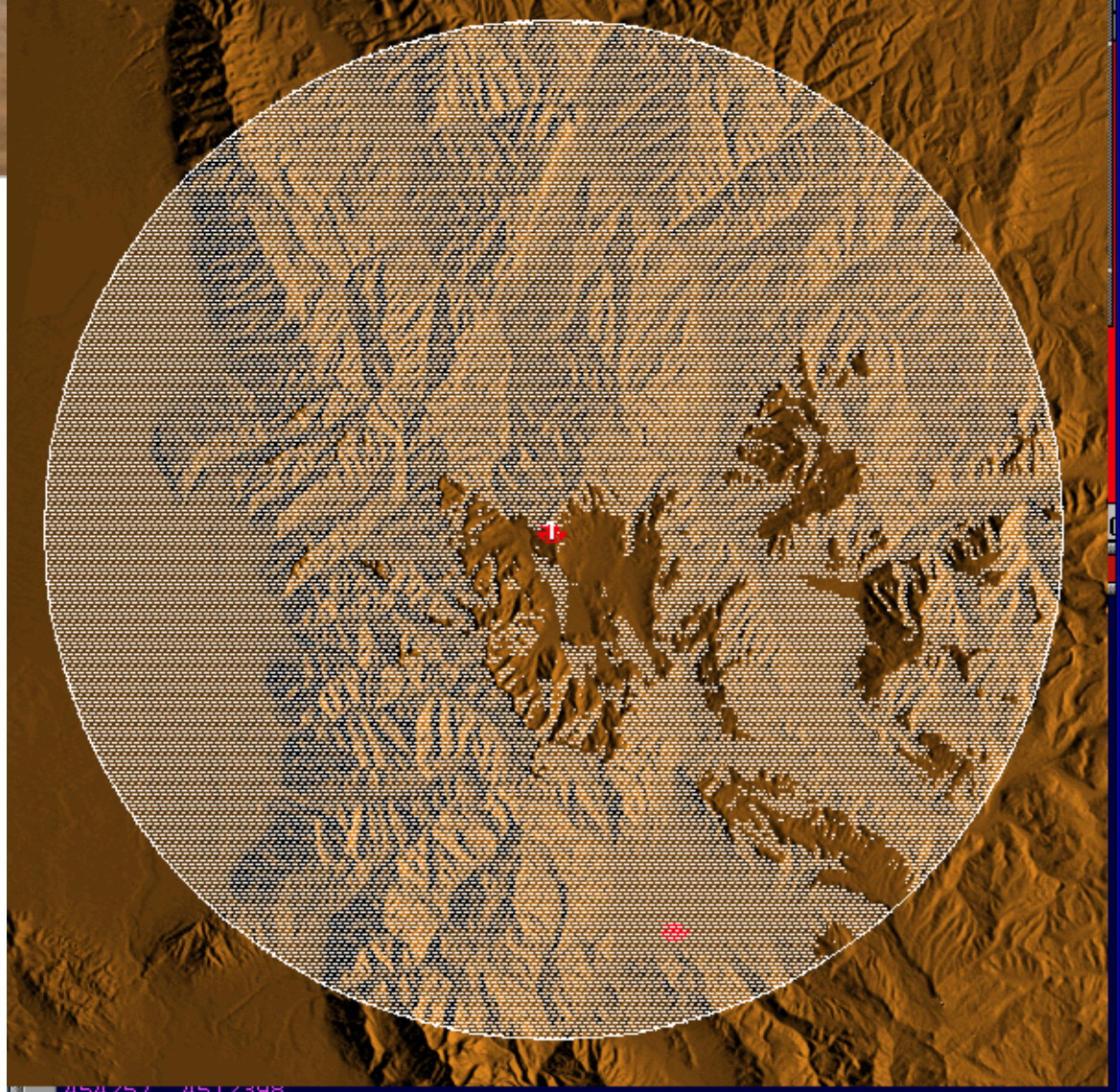

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SELECT HEIGHTS

SELECT RANGE

DISPLAY MASK

FAST DISPLAY

CLEAR

KEY IN COORDS

SET FOV ANGLE

SET FOV DIRECTION

USE SENSOR FOV

Find Best Location

Find Highest Point

UPDATE SCREEN

TERRAIN FEATURE MENU

AUXILIARY MENU

SHADED RELIEF

LOS RANGE	40000
SENSOR HGT	3.0
TARGET HGT	30.0
X :	454257
Y :	4512398
ELEV :	2220

454257. 4512398.

Calculating LOS for sensor : 1

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Lower altitude
Longer range

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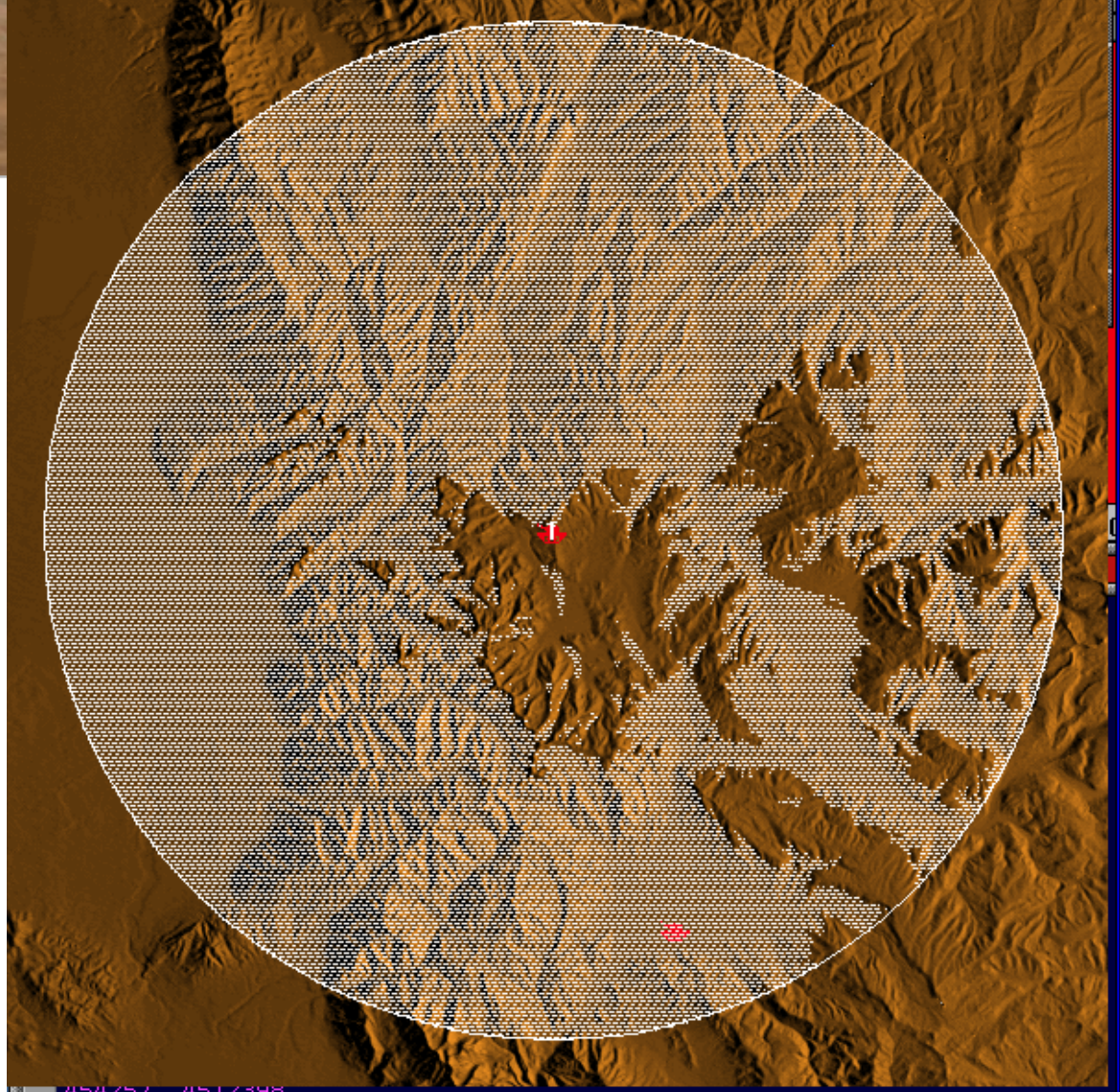

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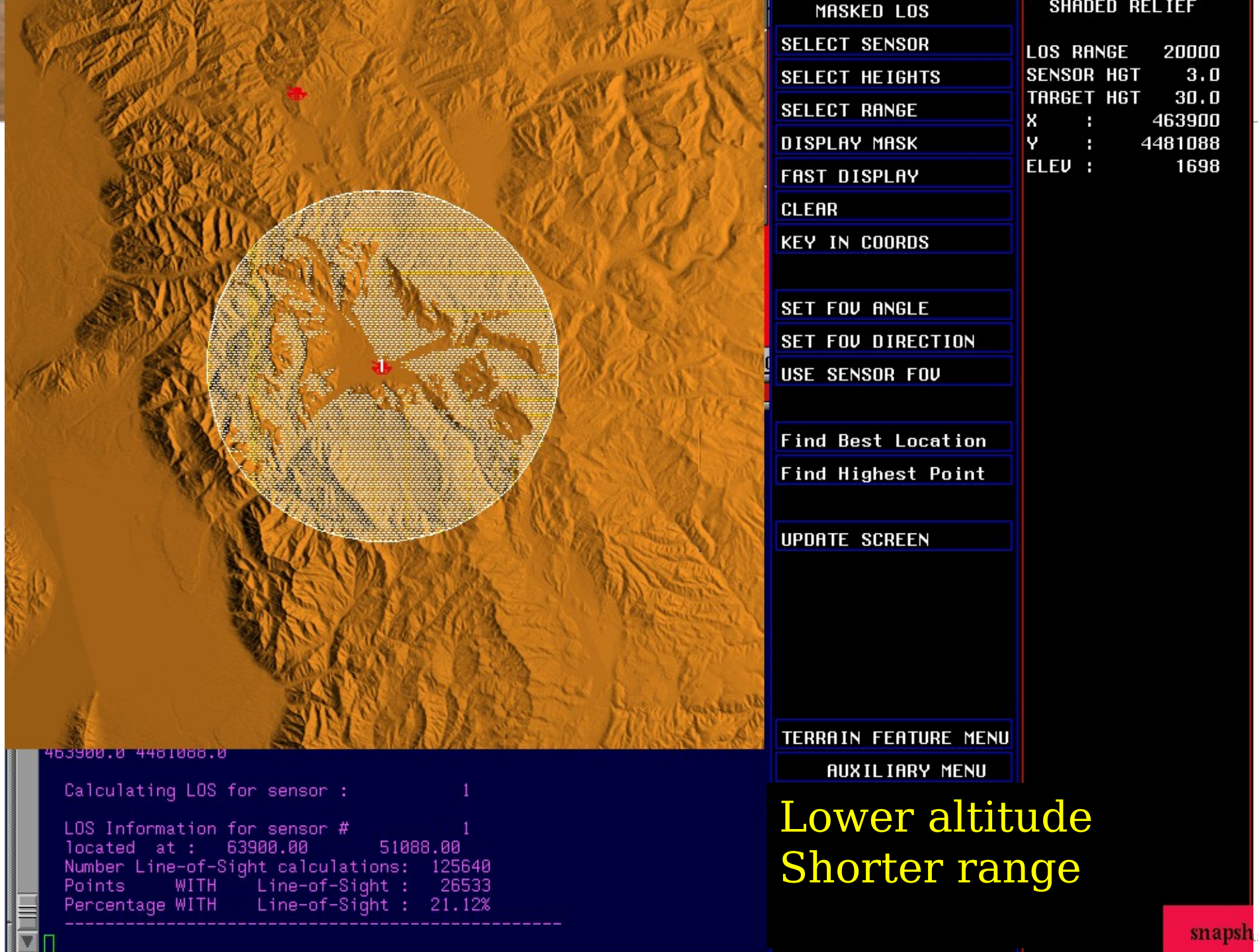
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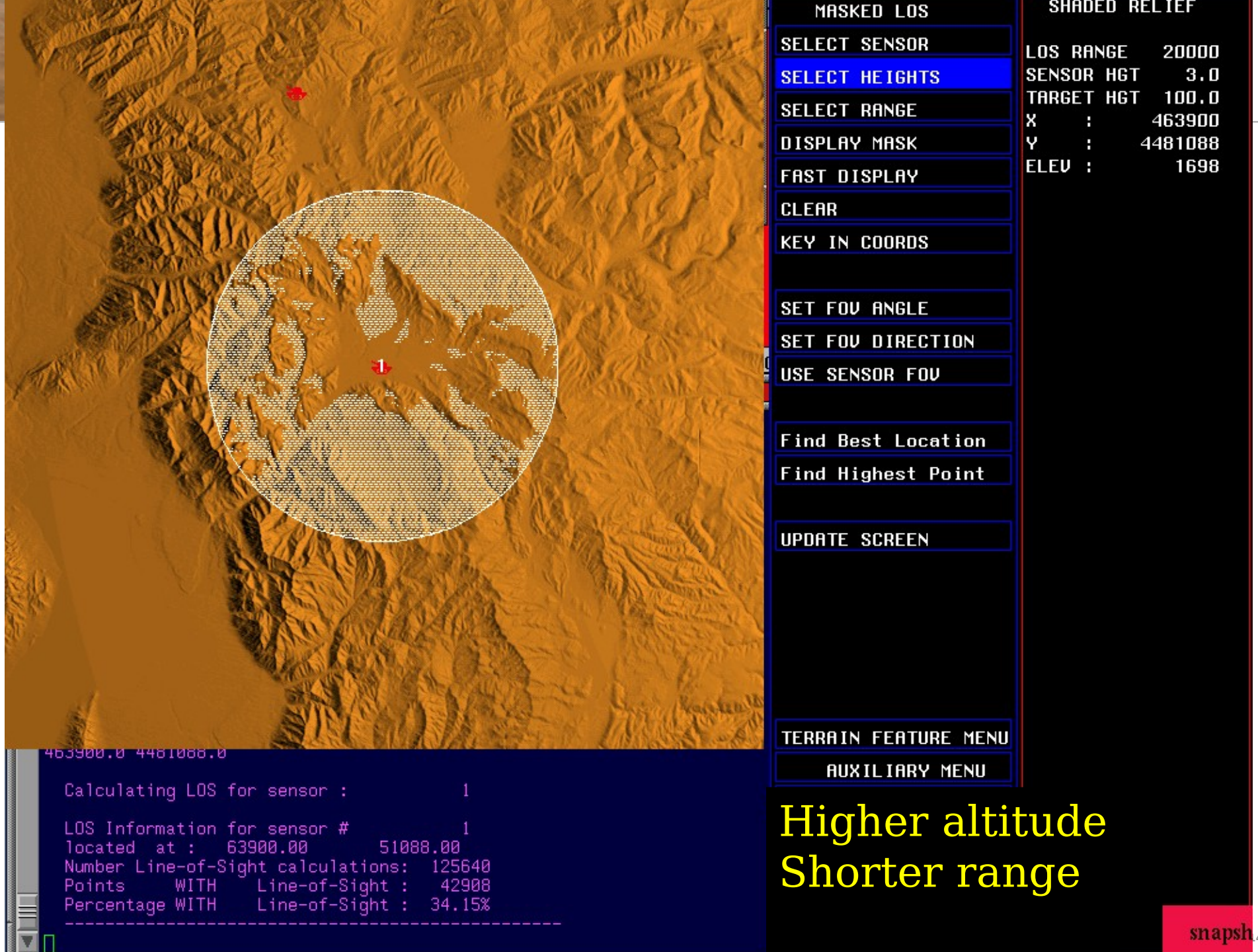
Lower altitude
Shorter range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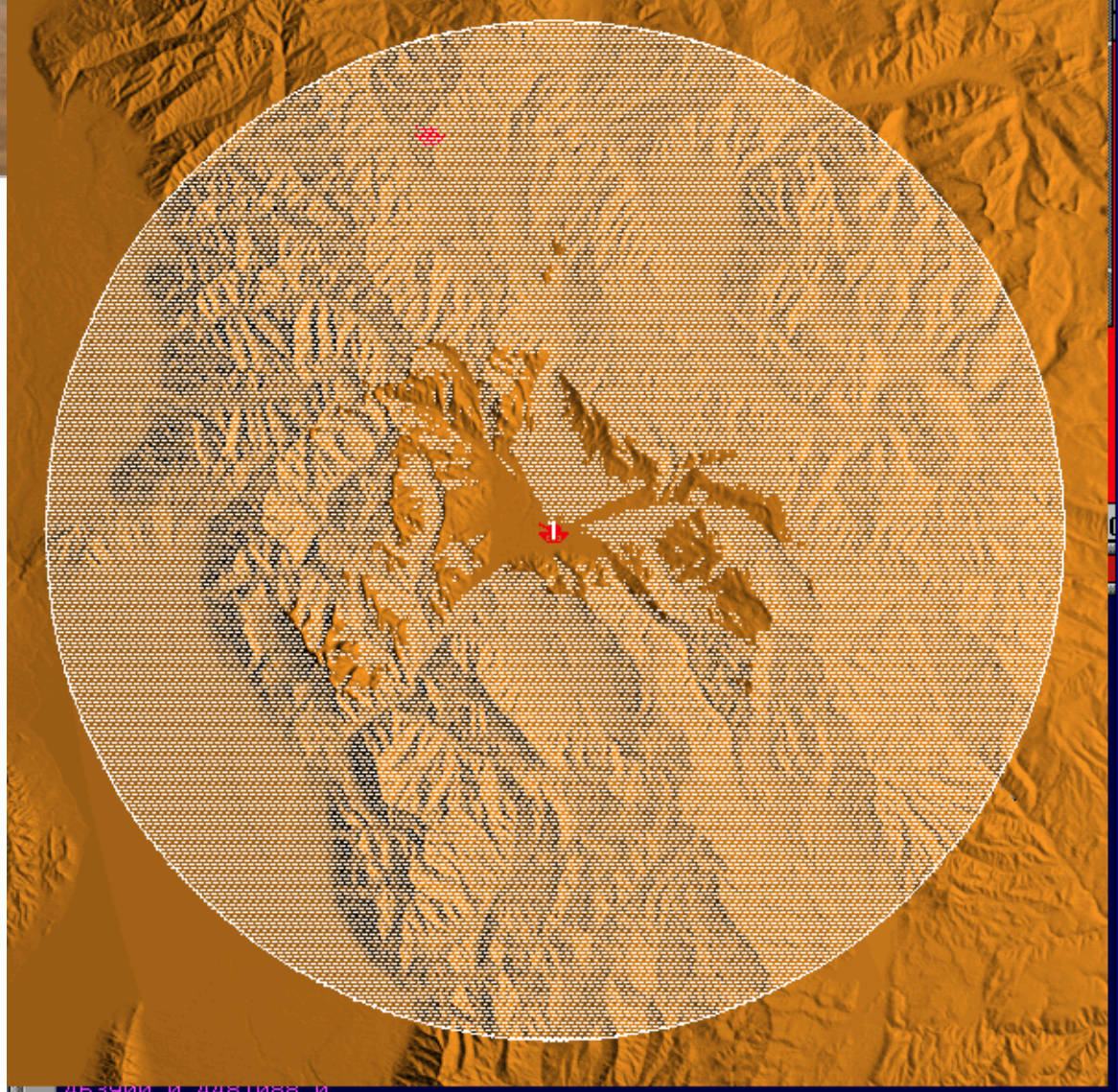
Higher altitude
Shorter range



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Low altitude
Longer range

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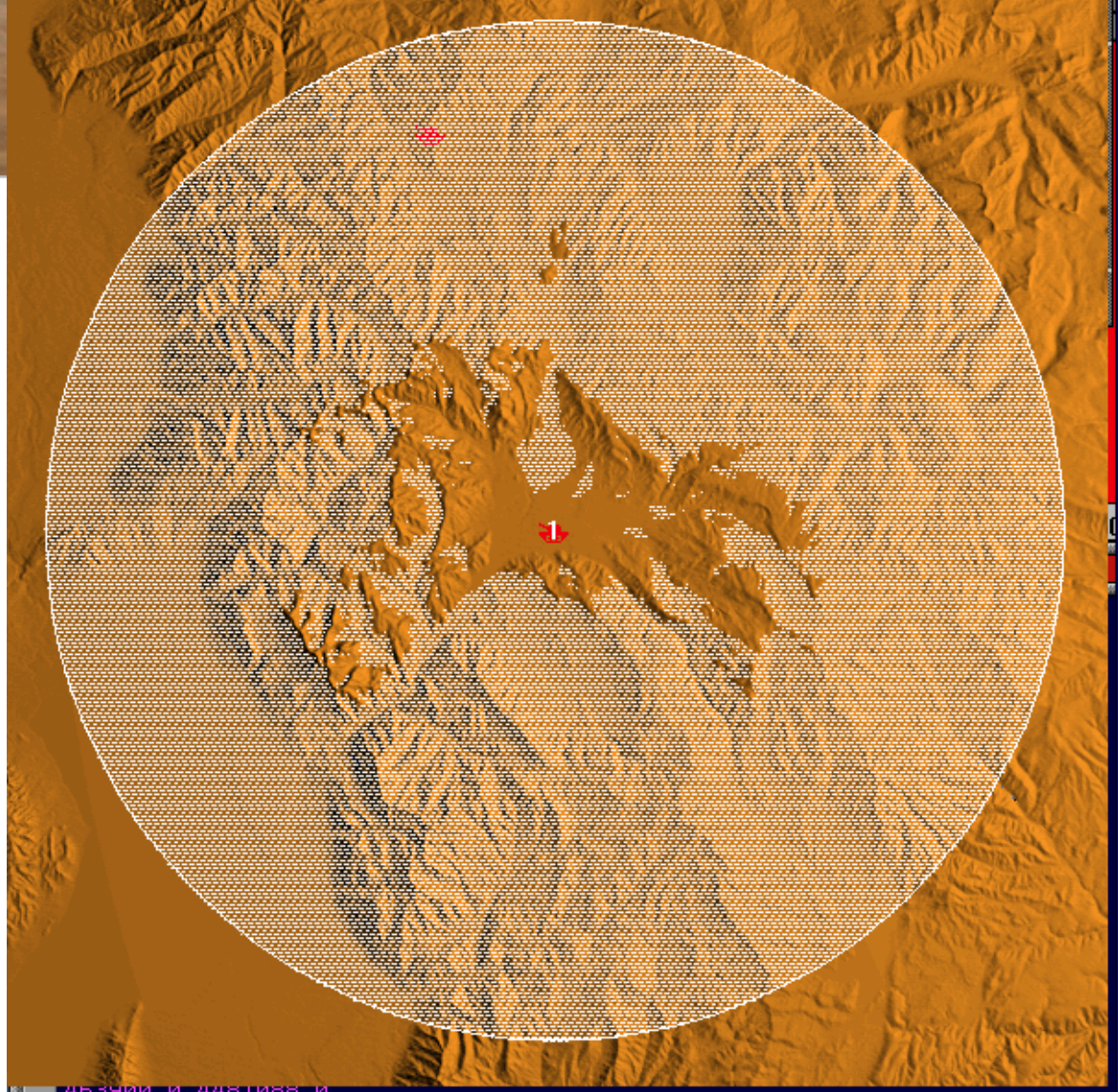

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Percentage WITH Line-of-Sight : 8.90%

Higher altitude
Longer range

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Distributed LOS Tool DLOST

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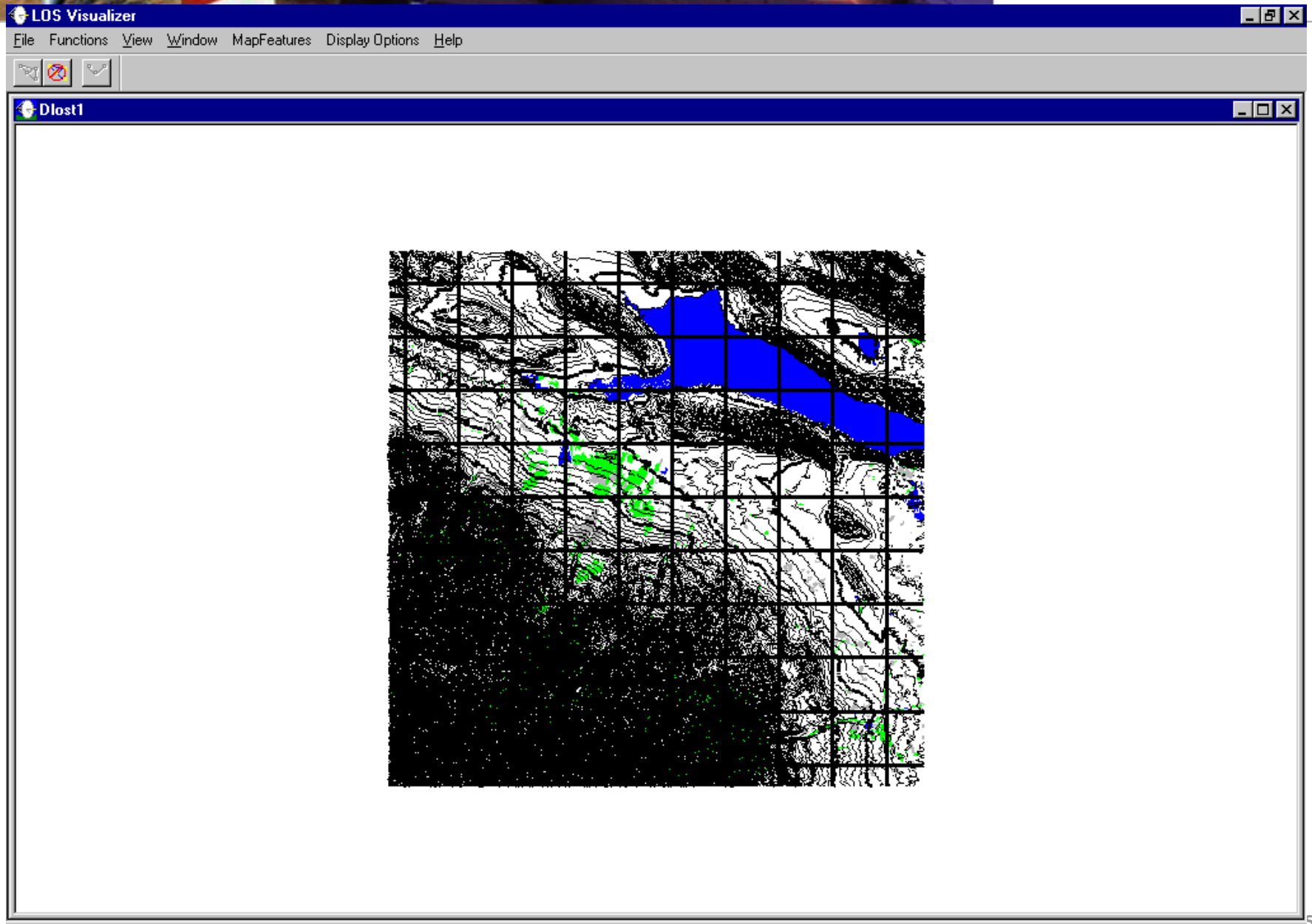
- Tool used to check LOS between entities for communication during distributed exercises
- LOS required to allow vehicle receive netcentric information (situational awareness)
- Geometric LOS algorithm
- Terrain database correlated to terrain databases used in the distributed exercise

DLOST Map Display



DLOST Entity Map Display

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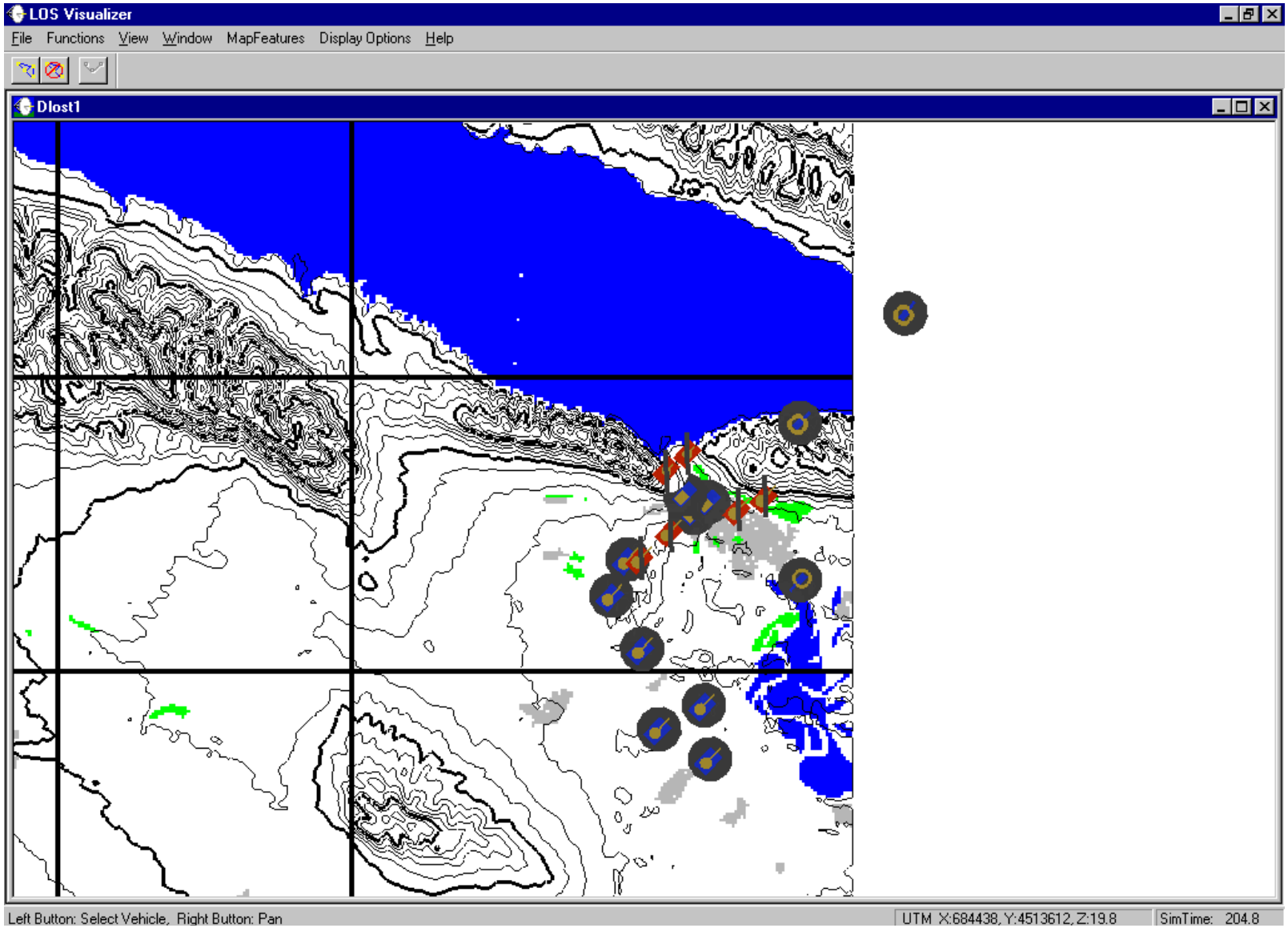
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DLOST Entities LOS Display

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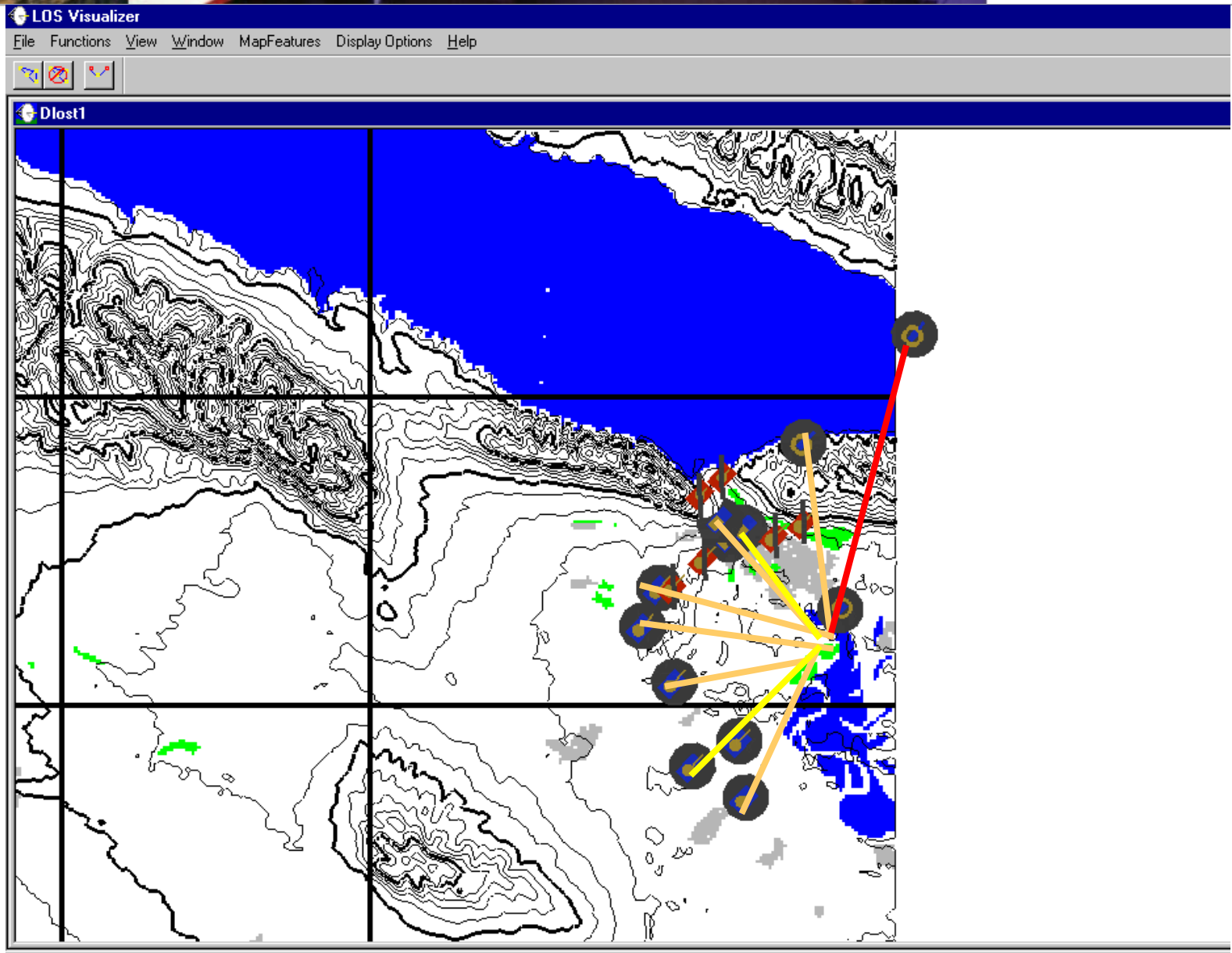
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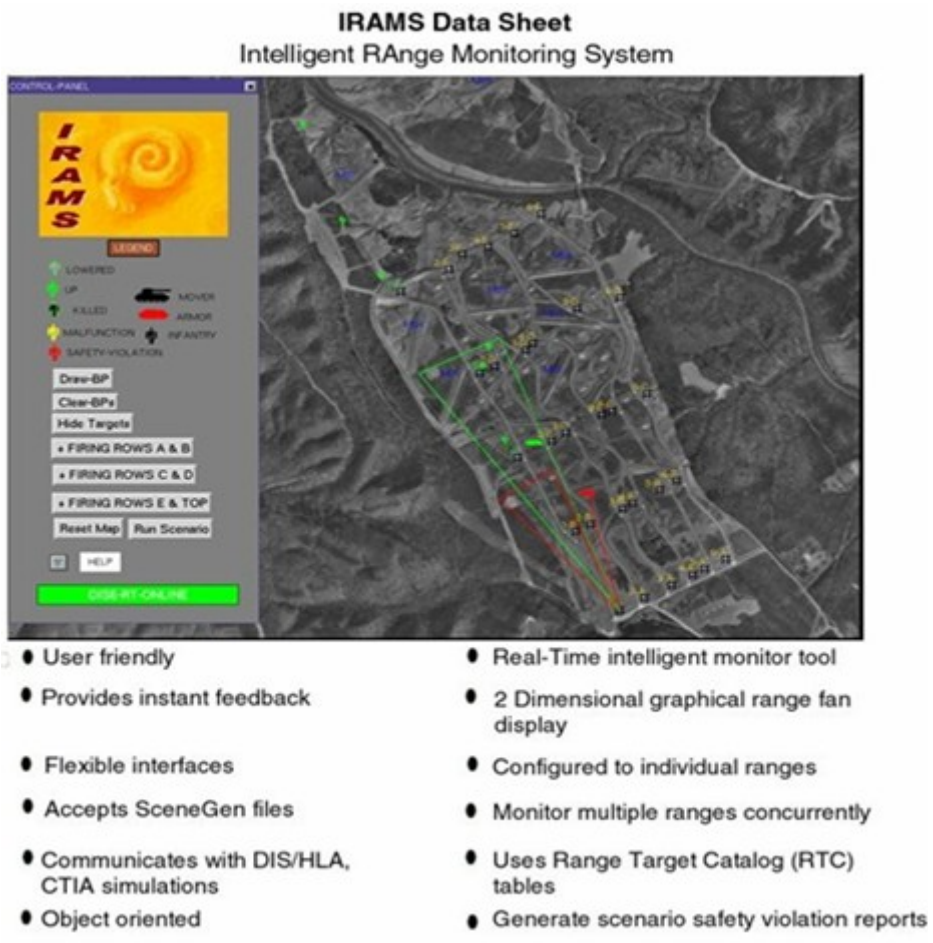
Intelligent Range Monitoring Sys. (IRAM

EXPERIENCE. RESULTS.

- **IRAMS is deployed on laptops for range safety officers and trainers.**
- **IRAMS is a prototype tool to assist range safety officers in determining range safety perimeters.**
- **Part of an integrated software suite of tools to provide the range safety officer with an automated means to quickly determine the safety on the ranges and surrounding areas.**
- **Trainer builds the training scenario and determines which firing points and targets pairings are acceptable prior to the submission to the Range Safety Officer for approval.**



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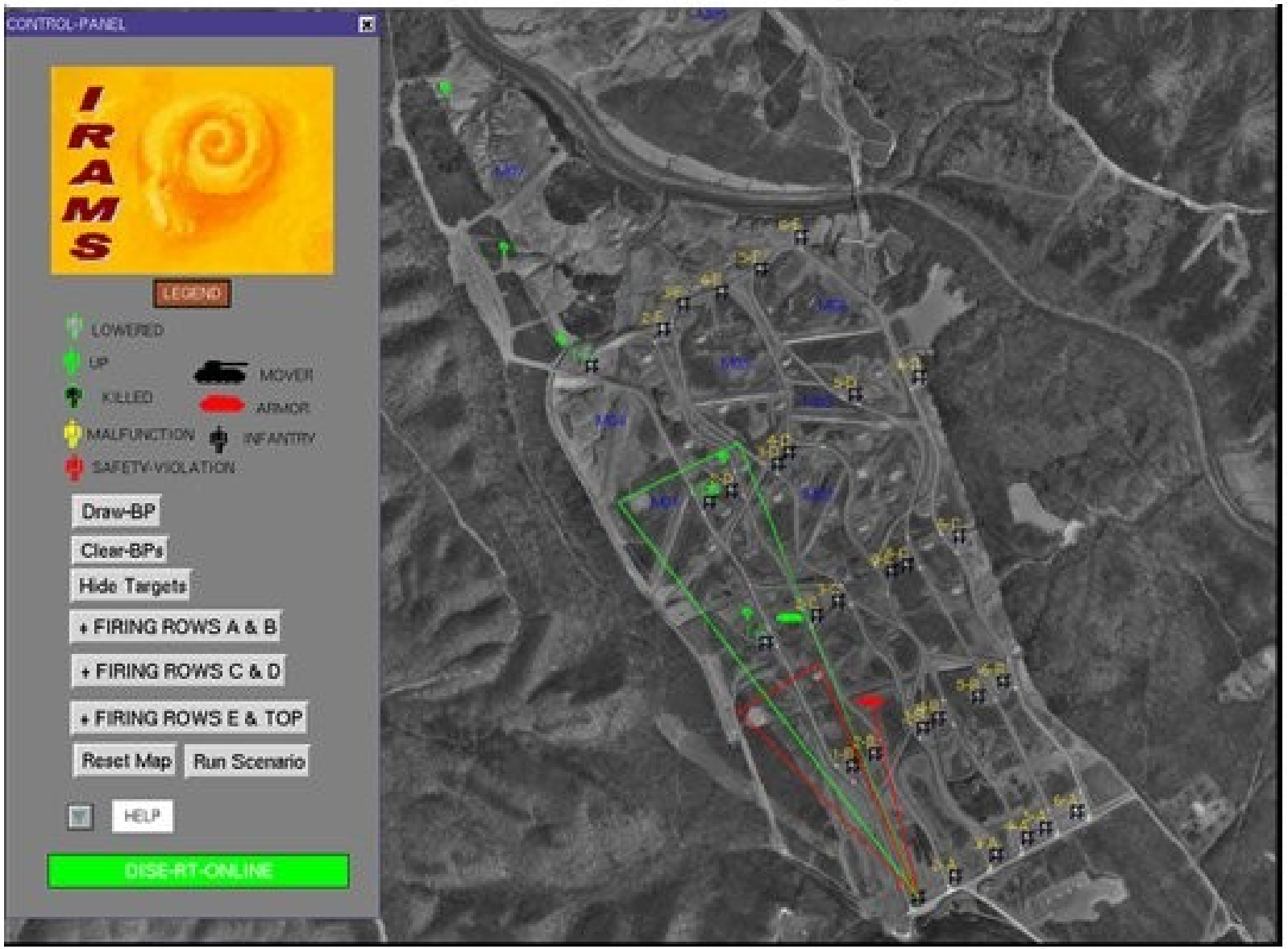

Intelligent Range Monitoring System (IRAMS)

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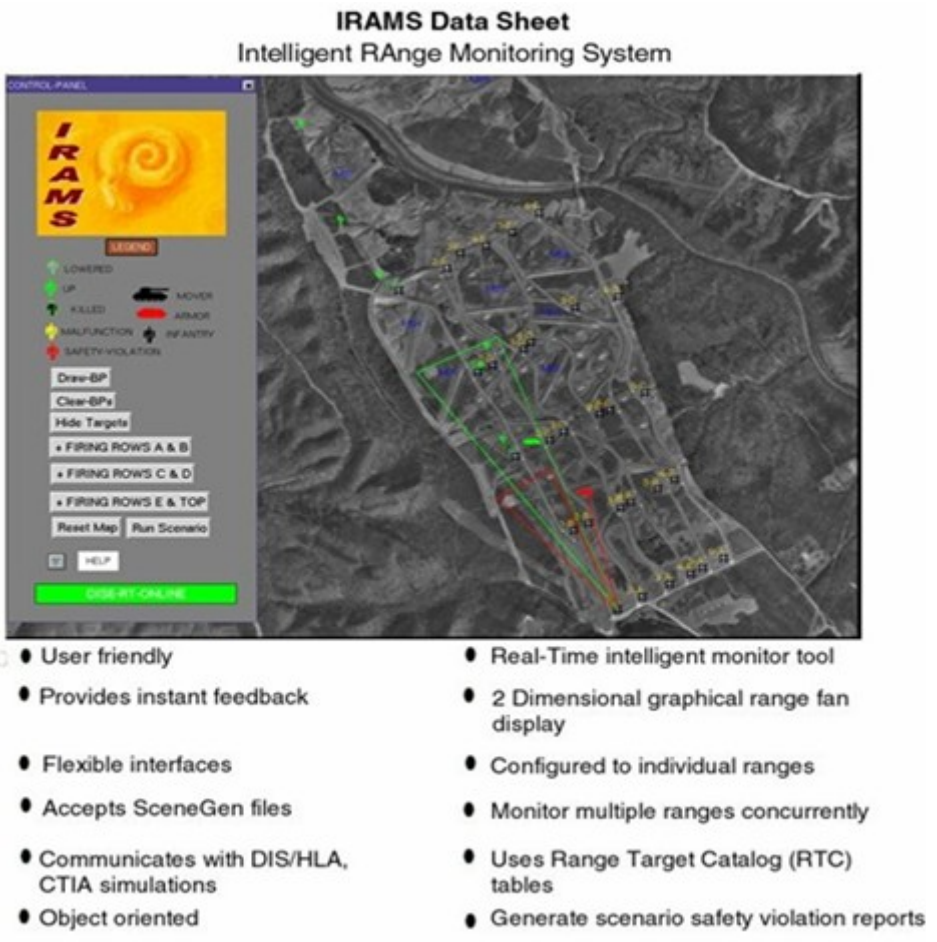
- **Add digital terrain and LOS coverage fan capability to IRAMS**
- **Drape Satellite imagery over digital terrain**
- **Allow the range personnel to update the digital terrain with current and seasonal information**
- **Provide a prototype / testbed for incorporating and updating digital terrain for battlefield support**



Proto-Command

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- **Proto-command - Integration and Synchronization Tool:**
  - **Integrates Disparate Simulation Protocols**
  - **Fuses Information to a Common View**
  - **Uses AI to Facilitate Decisions**
- **Proto-command Provides:**
  - **Emulation of the Common Operating Picture**
  - **Displays Picture of Relevant Information Tailored to Critical Information at Each Command Level**
  - **Keystone of Situational Awareness**
    - **Provides Commanders With Information on a Map GUI**
    - **Commanders Can Focus on a Target by Zooming Into the Icon or Area**
  - **Gives Commanders the Full Spectrum of Combat Capabilities - Quickly Prepare, Detect, Decide, Engage and Assess Situation**
  - **From Initial Sensing to BDA, Protocommand Provides the Solution**

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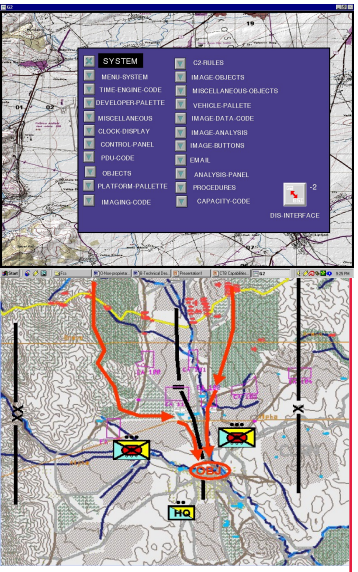
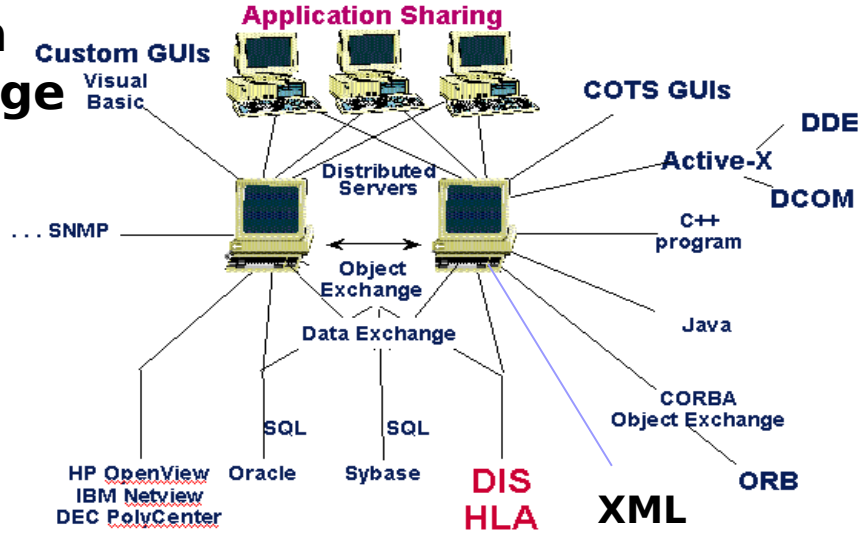
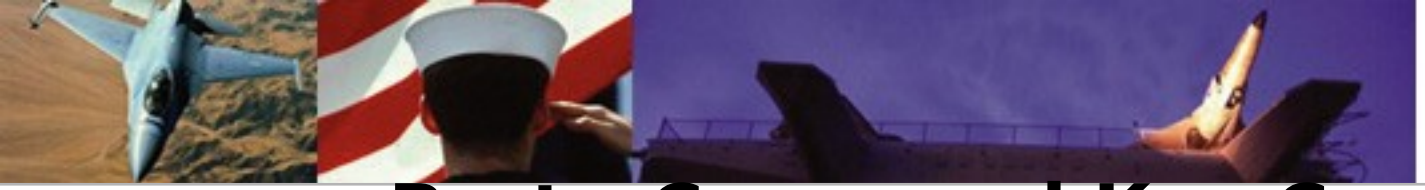
Proto-Command Key Capabilities



The force-on-force models with entity level granularity can provide a proving ground for intelligent net-centric command and control functions

- **Flexible proving ground for integrating and evaluating intelligent command and control functions**
  - **Interfaces with Distributed simulations**
- **Advanced knowledge capture and reasoning**
  - **Rules, procedures, neural nets, fuzzy logic, and intelligent agents**
- **DIS/HLA interface, platform-level monitoring**
- **Open communication through data-exchange standards**
- **Decision Support**
- **Client-server**
- **Peer to peer**
- **C3 grid**





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Proto-Command Key Capabilities (Cont'd)

Domain Experts (Warfighters) rule sets can be applied for intelligent decision support

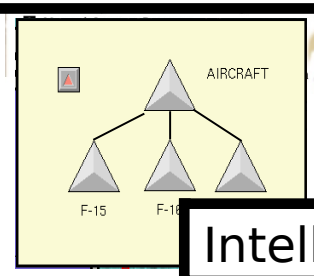
- **Real-time Inference Engine**
- **Improves ability of humans to handle information and convert volumes of data into knowledge**
- **Reconcile conflicting data**
- **Natural language allows domain experts to write and understand rules**
- **Graphic and Object architecture provides significant prototyping capability**

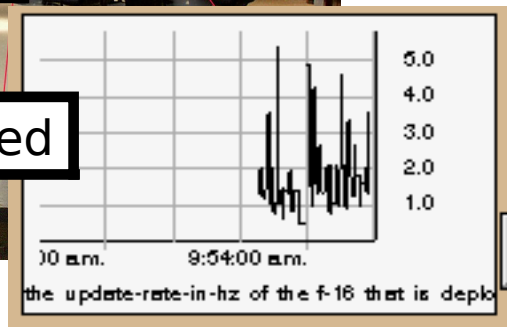
Rule based

f the inner stripe-color of the atm-connection connected to eglin-afb is green then conclude that the site-status of eglin-mtc = "On-Line"

Natural Language

Object Oriented





Intelligent Anomaly Detectio

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Proposed LOS and Terrain Enhancements

- Propose adding LOS checks to vehicles to aid in vehicle positioning
- Propose updating terrain and LOS databases from individual vehicles or sensors observations
- Aids situational awareness
- Radio LOS to other vehicles (including UAVs) to be netcentric

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Situational Awareness Terrain LOS and Data Feedback

- How do vehicle LOS and terrain observations get incorporated back into the terrain database in a timely and accuate manner?
  - Propose updating terrain and LOS databases from individual vehicles or sensors observations
  - Accurate vehicle position
  - Observed craters, bridges, roads, minefields, etc.
- How do users get updated terrain in a timely fashion given proposed situational awareness technology?
- How do vehicles operate and plan movement in the future with situational awareness without creating a tremendous burden on the operator or navigation system? (situational awareness presumes some LOS to other vehicles)